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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop Amendment **Commissioner For Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 140 S. Lake Ave., Suite 312 Pasadena, CA 91101 March 12, 2007

Commissioner:

Attached are the following:

- 1. Amendment and Response to Office Action dated December 12, 2006 (16 pages; amending existing claims, canceling 5 existing claims, and adding one new dependent claim -- resulting in no additional claim fees); and
- 2. Return post card.

. It is respectfully submitted that the enclosed Amendment and Response is timely filed because it is filed before the expiration of the three-month time indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action, namely, before the expiration of March 12, 2007. Even so, the Commissioner is hereby authorized, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3), to treat any concurrent or future reply or correspondence for the above-identified application, requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, including any required extension fees, which may be required during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 501574 and to treat this authorization as a constructive petition Application No. 10/642,854 Page 2 of 2

for an extension of time in any concurrent or future reply or correspondence for this application requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted, KHORSANDI PATENT LAW GROUP, ALC

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 140 S. Lake Ave., Suite 312 Pasadena, CA 91101-4710 March 12, 2007

Commissioner:

In reply to the Office Action regarding the above-identified application, dated December 12, 2006. Amendments to the Claims are submitted herewith. respectfully submitted that this Amendment and Response is timely filed because it is filed before the expiration of the three-month time indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action, namely, before the expiration of March 12, 2007; no Petition for an Extension of Time is needed. Reconsideration of the application in view of the Amendments and the Response and Remarks below is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Response and Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.